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Dear Member of Congress:

As the parent of a young child, I applaud the Build Back Better Act’s inclusion of $400 billion in historic investments in child care.

But now with millions of families about to qualify for child care assistance, I am concerned there will not be an adequate supply of participating providers and we will be competing for limited slots. Moreover, I am concerned there will become a limit in choice of services and programs, which is not conducive for working families.

Without changes, the Build Back Better Act will not achieve its goal of universal child care.

This legislation must ensure that every child care center is viable. Rather than just focus on the recovery of a center’s costs, federal lawmakers need to recognize that little investment will occur in the private sector without the right supports. As written, this legislation would just create more “child care deserts,” as well as more competition among families to secure quality, local child care.

Child care providers are a critical and trusted resource in the community. The national economy hinges on the ability for us all to go to work, knowing that reliable, professional and accessible child care is readily available.

I still believe that funding child care through the Build Back Better Act will have incredible and long-lasting benefits for America’s families. I am grateful for the work you and your colleagues have done. But under the child care industry is strengthened, with incentives for expansion, your work is not done.

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